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In re application of:		
Applicants	:	David M. Wilz, Sr. et al.
Application Serial No.:		10/684,273
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Title:		AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE OMNIDIRECTIONAL LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL READER HAVING A USER-SELECTABLE...
Examiner	:	n/a
Group Art Unit	:	2876
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above referenced Continuation Application, kindly amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 24-45 as follows:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (new): An automatic hand-supportable laser scanning bar code reading system comprising:

a first omni-directional bar code reading mode of operation, wherein a visible omni-directional laser scanning pattern produces multiple laser scanning lines having substantially uniform spatial and temporal intensity characteristics in any given scanning plane for the purpose of scanning and reading bar code symbols; and

a second uni-directional bar code reading mode of operation, wherein against a visible stroboscopically-pulsed omni-directional laser scanning pattern, there is produced a single laser scanning line having substantially uniform spatial and temporal intensity characteristics in any given scanning plane for the purpose of scanning and reading bar code symbols.